

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method and apparatus for shaping quantization noise generated when compressing audio data at a low bit rate is disclosed. A predetermined quantization noise threshold allowed during quantization of sampled audio data and quantization noise energy information of a quantized MDCT coefficient are received in all frequency bands of an audio frequency. The quantization noise energy of the quantized MDCT coefficient is attenuated in a predetermined number of frequency bands in which a difference between the predetermined quantization noise threshold and the quantization noise energy of the quantized MDCT coefficient is large.